

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അതു വിവരിച്ചു പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

*Expenditure on the Agricultural Department.*

112. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total expenditure including salaries, incurred on the Agricultural Department from its inception to the 1st Mithunam 1102?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The total gross expenditure on account of the Agricultural Department (including Veterinary, Fisheries, etc.) from its inception to the 1st Mithunam 1102 is Rs. 22,18, 201.

*Price of Paddy and Rice imported into the State during 1099-1101.*

113. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the price of paddy and rice imported into this State from foreign countries in each of the last three years (1099-1101)?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to pages 120—121, 126—127 and 140—141 of the Statistical Volumes for the years 1099, 1100 and 1101 respectively.

*Ezhava acting Clerks in the Account Office.*

114. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any acting clerks of the Account Office, belonging to the Ezhava community, were relieved since the present Account Officer took charge of that office;

(b) if so, the names of those who have been appointed in their places; and

(c) whether such appointments were given only to those who had better claims, and, if so, the nature of those claims?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes, on the termination of vacancies. This was not peculiar to the members of the Ezhava community or of any other community in particular.

(b) No acting appointment was made in place of any acting man who was relieved.

(c) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (b).

*Statement, by castes, of Officers in the Account Office.*

115. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of the total number of officers in the Account Office?